

By: Senator(s) Ross

To: Judiciary, Division A

SENATE BILL NO. 2371

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-991, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE THE TIME AT WHICH THE ELECTIONS ARE HELD FOR CERTAIN
3 SUPREME COURT JUSTICE POSITIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-991, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 23-15-991. The term of office of judges of the Supreme Court
8 shall be eight (8) years. * * * An election shall be held on the
9 first Tuesday after the first Monday in November immediately
10 preceding the expiration of the term of an incumbent in the
11 Supreme Court district from which each incumbent was elected, and
12 likewise each eighth year thereafter, at which there shall be
13 elected a successor to the incumbent, whose term of office shall
14 thereafter begin on the first Monday of January of the year in
15 which the term of the incumbent he succeeds expires.

16 **SECTION 2.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
17 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
18 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
19 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
20 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
21 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
22 extended.

23 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
24 and after January 1, 2006, provided it is effectuated under
25 Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
26 extended.